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23. The flexible graphite sheet of claim 21 wherein the graphite flake has a moisture content of no greater than about 1.0% prior to expansion.
  24. The flexible graphite sheet of claim 21 which further comprises a plurality of transverse fluid channels formed in the compressed sheet at a plurality of predetermined locations.
  25. The flexible graphite sheet of claim 21 which further comprises at least one groove formed in at least one of the surfaces of the sheet by mechanically impacting an opposed surface of the sheet. - -
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**REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested. If appropriate, attached hereto is a page entitled "Version of Markings to Show Changes Made." Claims 6-10 and 16-20 remain in the application. Claims 11-15 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 21-25 have been added to the application. Support for newly added claims 21-25 can be found in the first paragraph of the Detailed Description on page 6 of the specification.

**Elections/Restriction**

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement grouping the claims into two groups: Group I claims 6-10 and 16-20 and Group II claims 11-15. The action cited a provisional election on 11/08/02 to the claims of Group I. The Applicant hereby confirms the provisional election to the claims of Group I.

**Drawings**

In the action, the Examiner requested that Applicant label the figure in the application as "Fig. 1." Attached as requested is a copy of the figure labeled "Fig. 1."